

NEW YORK JURY VINDICATES CHIEF OF SECRET SERVICE

Charges Made By Klinker
Prove Boomerang to Sus-
pended Operative.

Absolute vindication of the Secret Service, including Chief Wilkie and all its officers, has been made a matter of record by the New York grand jury by its unprecedented action in having its report on the Klinker case spread upon the records of the court.

It will be recalled that Klinker, a suspended operative of the Secret Service, in New York obtained wide publicity for charges of "graft" and "collusion" on the part of Secret Service officials, mentioning Chief Wilkie, his son, Donald Wilkie, and Capt. W. J. Flynn, chief of the New York office.

He was called upon to make these charges under oath before the grand jury. After a month's consideration of testimony and documentary evidence, the grand jury unanimously reported that Klinker's charges were "flagrantly mendacious, scoundrelly malicious in motive and conjuncturally prompted by vindictive impulse."

The grand jury further desire to report that the only evidence of misconduct that the grand jurors have been able to discover, as the result of such investigation, was that of the gross misconduct of the said Otto F. Klinker, while he was in the Government service, and which would have warranted his summary dismissal.

"Believing that the United States Secret Service deserves the high measure of public confidence which it has heretofore enjoyed, and that it is of public importance that this confidence should not be impaired by charges which, on investigation, have proved to be without foundation, the grand jurors for the Southern district of New York, therefore, respectfully request that this court spread this present report upon its minutes."

Upon reading the verdict, Chief Wilkie expressed his gratification at the attitude of the grand jury in its making of a public record of the case.

"This is particularly gratifying," said the chief, "in view of the wide publicity given those charges by a New York newspaper."

"These charges reflected not only upon the integrity of the officers of the Secret Service, but upon their relatives."

Taken to Pottsville.

The body of Charles Spencer, a veteran employee of the Government Printing Office, who was knocked down and killed Wednesday night by an automobile driven by Capt. Herbert O. Williams, U. S. A., was taken to Pottsville, Pa., this afternoon for burial.

REPORTED WRECK ALARMS FRIENDS

Anacostia Sunday School Picnickers Were Rumored to
Be Involved In Railway Accident—Fraternal
Societies Elect Their Officers.

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ANACOSTIA, D. C., JUNE 29.

People in Anacostia were greatly alarmed last evening for several hours over a report that there had been a serious railway wreck on the Chesapeake Beach line. Numerous casualties were represented as having occurred.

As the Sunday school of the Anacostia M. E. Church had given its annual outing to Chesapeake Beach with nearly 1,000 people in attendance, the relatives and friends at home kept police stations and telephone wires busy seeking information.

The Ninth precinct station house in Washington was particularly busy answering the inquiries. Before the excursionists returned to Anacostia the story was known to be false. No wreck had taken place, nor had anything occurred in the line of a mishap.

The Sunday school outing was managed by the following committee: Arthur B. Suit, superintendent; Daniel C. Smithson, and Samuel T. Campbell. The pupils and their parents spent the whole day at Chesapeake Beach.

Mineral Lodge, No. 14, Improved Order of Red Men, held its semi-annual election of officers last night in Anacostia Masonic Hall. Those chosen were: H. M. Carver, sashem; William M. Swindell, senior sashem; W. S. Taylor, junior sashem; R. A. Humphries, prophet.

The appointive officers will be named on Friday evening next, at which time installation exercises will be held. Deputy Grand Sachem E. E. Garrell, of White Eagle Tribe, No. 17, officiating. Report made by the chairman of the committee on field day exercises on July 16, at Chesapeake Beach indicated that a general turnout of members of the order is expected. Prizes will be awarded to the successful contestants in a series of athletic events.

Salem Lodge, No. 22, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, held its semi-annual election of officers on Thursday night, the following being chosen: J. W. Kidwell, noble grand; T. Dent, vice grand; Joseph K. Davidson, secretary (re-elected); James M. England, financial secretary (re-elected); John V. Payne, treasurer (re-elected); Joseph K. Davidson, trustee for three years (re-elected).

Installation ceremonies will be held on the evening of July 11.

Visiting ministers will occupy pulpits in two Anacostia churches tomorrow.

In the Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dr. Reed, of Shilbourne, Va., will preach at the forenoon service.

The Rev. Dr. John S. Montgomery, the pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, Washington, will officiate in the Anacostia M. E. Church tomorrow evening.

There will be no town celebration of the Fourth of July in Anacostia. Instead, the interest of the citizens has been transferred to the municipal observance of the day, toward which they have contributed in many instances. A call for financial assistance was made by the committee early in this section, being responded to liberally.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Dodge White, who died on Wednesday in Providence Hospital, were held yesterday at the chapel in Glenwood Cemetery, the Rev. George M. Cummings, the pastor of the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was made in that cemetery.

Mrs. White, who is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Emma Goodrich, was the daughter of the late Wilbur S. Dodge, connected for many years with the Government Hospital for the Insane.

Mrs. May Hazel, who was a daughter of Mrs. William Hardesty, of V street, this place, died suddenly on Thursday at the Casualty Hospital from acute indigestion. She was thirty-five years old, and she once lived here. Her home was in Tenth street northeast, and she is survived by her husband and eight children.

Funeral services took place today, and the remains of Mrs. Hazel were interred in Glenwood Cemetery.

The first public band concert of the season in Anacostia was given last evening in Logan Park by the Engineer Band. The broad walks surrounding the park were taken possession of by about 1,000 people during the program of the concert. These concerts will be held monthly.

Joseph Bartley, of Minnesota avenue, has gone to Baltimore to remain with relatives and to witness some of the convention scenes.

Mrs. Bryan Connors returned to her home in Fourteenth street last evening after a visit to relatives in Lafayette, Indiana.

Mrs. Myrtle Litherland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur S. Dodge, of W street, is a patient in the Walter Reed Hospital, in Washington, where she is recuperating following a surgical operation.

SAN JUAN ISLAND THREATENED WITH PLAGUE OUTBREAK

Houses Being Destroyed In
Effort to Check
Spread.

Bubonic plague, the dread malady of the orient, is present in San Juan, Porto Rico. Passed Assistant Surgeon Grubbs, of the public health and marine hospital service, has just reported to Surgeon General Blue that examinations show that a mile of the water front is infected.

Measures are being taken to limit the infection to the island of the old city. The worst houses in the affected area are being destroyed after being first surrounded by a wire fence. Other stringent measures to suppress a serious outbreak that will threaten the territorial United States are being taken.

Systematic rat catching and inspection is being prosecuted, and daily house inspections are being carried on by the health authorities. Observation and detention camps have been provided. Three deaths from the disease have occurred in the suburbs.

Plague is widely prevalent in all of the southern countries of America and Europe.

Rigid inspection of all ships entering American ports from Porto Rico, Cuba, Central and South American countries and Europe, has been ordered. Joseph J. O'Connell, health officer of the Port of New York, has issued rigid inspection rules providing for the examination of passengers and the fumigation of all vessels and baggage entering from these countries.

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URUGUAY'S CREDIT SCHEME TO OPEN UP NEW MARKET

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Which Will Lead to Pur-
chase of Machinery.

American Minister Grevstad has reported to the State Department the details of a farmers' credit system recently recommended by the President of Uruguay to the general assembly of that republic.

Up to the present time the Republic of Uruguay has been distinctly a stock raising country, cattle, hides and dried meats having been its exports. This condition naturally tended toward the segregation of land into tracts and its ownership by big "estancieros" or ranchmen.

It is the desire of the Uruguayan government to foster the small farmer, in order to give the republic a substantial agricultural class, and, as in the case of this country in the present effort of President Taft to obtain cheaper money for the American farmer, the President of Uruguay has turned to the European farmers' credit system for a means of encouraging the establishment of small farms.

Proposed Credit System.
The credit system there recommended provides for the creation of a section of rural credit in the Bank of the Republic, which is the central bank of Uruguay. This section of the central bank is to be endowed with an initial

capital of \$500,000, and to it is to be entrusted the work of forming farmers' associations, through which the small agriculturists are to obtain money at cheap rates for the improvement of their farms and the adoption of methods of intensive farming.

The credit section of the Bank of the Republic will lend from its endowment fund, money to various rural banks or farmers' associations where banks do not exist, which, in turn will lend the money to the farmers on land mortgages.

Opening for Americans.
Inasmuch as a large part of this money loaned for farm improvements will be spent in the purchase of agricultural machinery, Minister Grevstad sees an opening created for American agricultural machinery manufacturers by the adoption of the farmers' credit system. It is proposed that the Uruguayan farmers shall buy the farm machinery on a co-operative basis, which would permit them to buy the most expensive and most modern agricultural machinery.

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